

## **THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW ALBANY, INDIANA HELD A MEETING IN THE CITY/COUNTY BUILDING ON THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2006.**

The meeting of the **New Albany City Council** was called to order by President Jeff Gahan at 7:30 p.m. The meeting opened with the Lord's Prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Council Members Mr. Coffey, Mr. Price, Mr. Schmidt, Mr. Kochert, Mrs. Crump, Mr. Seabrook, and President Jeff Gahan. Mr. Blevins and Mr. Messer were not present.

**OTHERS:** City Attorney Shane Gibson and City Clerk Marcey Wisman.

**ALSO:** John Rosenbarger, Adam Dickey, Scott Wood, Planning and Zoning, Brian Dixon, EMC, Paul Wheatley, Economic Development Director, and Mayor James E. Garner, Sr.

### **APPROVAL OR CORRECTION OF THE FOLLOWING MINUTES:**

**Mr. Coffey moved to approve the regular meeting minutes of September 11, Mr. Price second, all voted in favor except Mrs. Crump who abstained.**

**Mr. Coffey moved to approve the public hearing minutes of September 11, Mrs. Crump second, all voted in favor.**

**Mr. Coffey moved to approve the public hearing minutes of August 23, Mr. Price second, all voted in favor except Mr. Gahan who abstained.**

**Mr. Schmidt moved to approve the minutes of the August 29 special meeting, Mr. Coffey second, all voted in favor.**

### **COMMUNICATIONS – PUBLIC:**

**Valla Ann Bolovshak**, 600 E. Main Street, addressed the 2005 audit regarding the transfer of funds and the need to pay those funds back.

**Mrs. Garry** addressed this issue and explained that those funds did not need to be paid back because they were done by resolution or ordinance passed by the council.

**Ms. Bolovshak** asked questions regarding the sewer utility, and stated that she feels that the sewer billing department is in shambles and she does not understand why they would give a 33.5% increase to an individual in that department. She also addressed the issue of the 911 money that is available to give the communication workers a raise and stated that she felt a committee should be appointed to pursue that money.

**Mr. Price** asked her to explain what is going on with the Greenway Project because he read in the paper that the first phase of the project would only go to 10<sup>th</sup> Street.

**Ms. Bolovshak** stated that it goes from the Shermin Minton Bridge all the way down to the levy.

**Mr. Coffey** stated that he went to the last Commissioners meeting regarding the 911 money and if they draw up an ordinance they will provide the city with \$130,000.

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**Mrs. Crump** asked how they can decide on unions when the Mayor has to negotiate that.

**Mr. Coffey** stated that they have to approve the contracts.

**There was a lengthy discussion regarding the structure of the longevity and whether or not people would be grandfathered in for their longevity.**

**All voted in favor for the first reading.**

A-06-08	Ordinance for Appropriations and Tax Rates	Schmidt 2&3
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**Mr. Schmidt introduced A-06-08 and motioned for the second and third readings by title only, Mr. Coffey second, all voted in favor. Bill A-06-08 became ordinance A-06-35.**

A-06-09	An Ordinance to Fix the Non-Reverting Budgets For the Year 2007	Price 2&3
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**Mr. Price introduced A-06-09 and motioned for the second and third readings by title only, Mr. Coffey second, all voted in favor. Bill A-06-09 became ordinance A-06-36**

A-06-10	An Ordinance Setting Salaries for the Year 2007 For Sworn Members of the New Albany Police And Fire Departments; and An Ordinance Setting Salaries for the Year 2007 for Members of the Communications (CWA); and An Ordinance for Setting Salaries for the Year 2007 for Members of The ASCME Union	Seabrook 2&3
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**Mr. Seabrook introduced A-06-10 and motioned for the second and third readings by title only, Mr. Kochert second, all voted in favor. Bill A-06-10 became ordinance A-06-37**

A-06-11	An Ordinance Setting Salaries for the Year 2007 For Non-Bargaining Unit Employees	Kochert 2&3
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**Mr. Kochert introduced A-06-11 and motioned for the second and third readings by title only, Mr. Coffey second,**

**Mr. Kochert wanted to amend the ordinance to leave the Building Commissioner at the same rate as 2005 and to amend the Sewer billing Department head to \$1300 bi-weekly, Coffey second.**

**Mrs. Crump** stated that she does not mind giving a 33.5% increase to the department but to be divided among all of the individuals working in the department.

**There was a lengthy discussion regarding the salaries of the sewer billing employees and what there work load is currently and will be in the future.**

**Mr. Kochert's motion to amend did not carry with a vote of 3 ayes and 4 nays.**

**Mr. Coffey made a motion to amend the pay of the sewage billing office workers by giving 20% increase to the department head and a the other sewer billing workers would receive a 7% increase.**

**Mayor Garner** asked if he could discuss this with Mrs. Welsh and Mrs. Garry.

**Mr. Seabrook moved for a 5 min recess at 8:37, Mrs. Crump second, all voted in favor.**

**Mr. Gahan** called the meeting back to order at 8:47 p.m.

**Mr. Coffey moved that the sewer billing employees salaries would be increased so that the manager would receive \$1,166.27 bi-weekly, and the three bookkeepers would receive \$941.13 bi-weekly, Mrs. Crump second, all voted in favor.**

**Mr. Kochert moved that the Building Commissioner’s salary for 2007 be \$40,900.60, Mr. Schmidt second, motion did not carry for lack of a majority vote of the entire council with 4 ayes and 3 nays.**

**Mr. Kochert introduced A-06-11 and motioned for the second and third readings by title only as amended, Mrs. Crump second, all voted in favor. Bill A-06-11 became ordinance A-06-38**

G-06-17	An Ordinance Establishing Reporting Requirements For the Sewer Board	Coffey 2&3
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**Mr. Coffey introduced G-06-17 and motioned for the second and third readings by title only, Mr. Seabrook second,**

**Mr. Coffey amended section 2 from “All Projects” to “Planned Projects” and added that “any emergency repairs that are necessary will be reported at the next council meeting”, Mr. Seabrook second, all voted in favor.**

**Mr. Coffey introduced G-06-17 for the second and third readings as amended, Mr. Seabrook second, all voted in favor. Bill G-06-17 became ordinance G-06-39.**

**Mr. Price** asked if we could do budgets earlier next year.

**Mrs. Garry** stated that we could.

**Mr. Coffey** stated that R-06-22 could be struck for the tabled ordinances.

There being no further business before the council, the meeting adjourned at 9:01 p.m.

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Jeff Gahan, President  
Common Council, City of New Albany

ATTEST:\_\_\_\_\_  
Marcey Wisman, City Clerk